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SUBJECT: UNESCO: INSTRUCTIONS FOR 99TH SESSION OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD, AGENDA ITEM 6.3

1. FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES INSTRUCTION FOR USDEL ON AGENDA
ITEM 6.3: INVITATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA TO HOLD
THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN
NAIROBI.

2. BACKGROUND: UNGA RESOLUTION 2609 (XXIV) OF DECEMBER
16, 1969, ESTABLISHED A POLICY ON MEETINGS HELD AWAY FROM
HEADQUARTERS AS FOLLOWS: "PARA 10. DECIDES THAT UNITED
NATIONS BODIES MAY HOLD SESSIONS AWAY FROM THEIR
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ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS WHEN A GOVERNMENT ISSUING AN

INVITATION FOR A SESSION TO BE HELD WITHIN ITS TERRITORY HAS AGREED TO DEFRAID, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AS TO THEIR NATURE AND POSSIBLE EXTENT, THE ACTUAL ADDITIONAL COSTS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY INVOLVED." ALTHOUGH USG SUPPORTED HOLDING OF 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI, WE DID SO WITH STIPULATION THAT GOK PICK UP EXTRA COSTS, AND WE DID NOT SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND TO ASSIST GOK. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL MAY MAKE ANOTHER APPEAL FOR MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT FUND. USG SUPPORTED THE UN RESOLUTION, AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE POLICY IT EMBODIED. WE APPLY IT TO ALL COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE ISSUE ARISES.

3. SHOULD DISCUSSION OF DG'S REPORT, WHICH DEPARTMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED, TOUCH ON THE QUESTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY FUND, USDEL SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER A RESTATEMENT OF OUR POSITION, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE KNOWN TO BOTH DG AND GOK, THAT WE WILL NOT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

4. IF USDEL IS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON USG WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE, USDEL SHOULD STATE THAT USG, ALTHOUGH NOT OPPOSING HOLDING OF MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS, CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PAY THE EXTRA COSTS. SISCO

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